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Supplement Table 1. Demographics of researchers participating in the systematic reviews and meta-analyses (SRMA)

Variable	Value
Sex	
Male	26 (74.3)
Female	9 (25.7)
Highest qualification	
MD	19 (54.3)
PhD	6 (17.1)
Masters	3 (8.6)
MD, PhD	3 (8.6)
Others	4 (11.4)
Profession	
Urologist	11 (31.4)
Urologist, andrologist	6 (17.1)
Scientist/researcher	4 (11.4)
Andrologist	4 (11.4)
Others	10 (28.6)
Years of experience in scientific research	
0–1	2 (5.7)
1–2	1 (2.9)
2–5	9 (25.7)
5–10	14 (40.0)
10–15	7 (20.0)
15–20	1 (2.9)
>20	1 (2.9)
Have you previously published a systematic review or meta-analysis?	
No	18 (51.4)
Yes	17 (48.6)
If you answered YES to the previous question, in what capacity was your contribution to the research study/publication?	
Co-researcher/co-author	7 (20.0)
Lead researcher/primary author	9 (25.7)
Not applicable as I answered NO to the previous question	18 (51.4)
Senior researcher/corresponding author	1 (2.9)
How did you get to know about the Global Andrology Forum and this research program?	
ACRM Management Team	14 (40.0)
Colleague/friend	18 (51.4)
I was contacted by Prof Agarwal after having invited him to contribute to a Special Issue I was editing	1 (2.9)
Professional network	2 (5.7)
Choose the Varicocele Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis (SRMA) project(s) where you are or were part of the research team.	
On average, how many hours do you spend per week on the online varicocele research study?	
<2	1 (2.9)
2–4	9 (25.7)
4–6	14 (40.0)
6–8	9 (25.7)
>10	2 (5.7)

Values are presented as number (%).